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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Committee on Documentation

SUBJECT : Protection of Proprietary Interest

Consideration of the attached draft statement is added as an  
urgent item of business for the 15 October meeting of CODIB. Circulation  
of several contract reports is contingent on Committee action on this  
subject.

  
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## PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INTEREST

The Agencies and Departments composing the United States Intelligence Board have charged the Committee on Documentation with responsibility for exchanging information on research and contracts for the development and operation of systems, equipment and techniques for the storage and retrieval of information. 1/

The Committee recognizes that the reports of private contractors with the U.S. Government will contain information of proprietary nature affecting their financial and competitive status in the market. Unauthorized divulgence of such privately owned information to the representatives of a second contractor or competitor by an employee of a USIB Agency will, among many undesirable results, tend to reduce or eliminate exchange of information essential to the prevention of duplicative research and the adoption of inferior systems and equipment for handling information.

The Committee therefore urges that exchange of such information between the member agencies be conducted under the following conditions which may be posted, at the discretion of the releasing Agency, on each

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1/ DCID No. 1/4 (New Series) effective 21 April 1958, established a Committee on Documentation with Par. 3, Functions, (c) reading as follows: "to exchange information within the intelligence community on the solution of documentation problems, including studies, researches, contracts, proposed agreements and actions, publications, seminars, and demonstrations."

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publication deemed to require such protection:

The attached publication entitled: \_\_\_\_\_  
is released by the \_\_\_\_\_ Agency to the \_\_\_\_\_ Agency  
under the terms of use stipulated below:

- 1) This publication and the contents thereof shall not be divulged, without the prior authorization of the releasing agency, to any person serving in any capacity whatsoever as the representative or consultant of a non-USIB governmental or private organization or firm.
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- 3) The recipient USIB Agency or Department has agreed on behalf of the releasing agency to exercise full responsibility and care to insure that the proprietary information contained herein shall not be divulged in any manner to any person other than to fully accredited staff members serving solely and full-time in its employ.
- 4) The recipient USIB Agency or Department has further agreed that it will make no direct approach to the contracting firm concerning information revealed in this publication without first

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making the arrangements for such contact through the releasing Agency. Prior to the initial discussion with the contractor, arranged as provided above, the recipient Agency agrees that it will not in any manner reveal its awareness of this publication to the contractor's representatives with whom it may be in contact.

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